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Subject: Some bullets following our US-China dialogue discussion on Friday
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Thanks for a good discussion on Friday Ben,

I fully support a continued dialog and noted, as did some of those on the call, that George Gao and others were more open in their discussion of investigations into animal reservoirs of SARS-CoV-2 – i.e. discussion about the origin. We discussed ways we could frame a future topic that would allow us to talk about some important issues around the ‘natural history’ of SARS-CoV-2, that might also be comfortable for our Chinese colleagues. Here are a couple of bullets along the lines you asked me for:

1. Summary of recent findings re. the ability of SARS-CoV-2 to infect other species of animals in the lab, and in the wild, around the world (e.g. mink farm infections Europe and US, experimental infections of ferrets & raccoon dogs, risk assessments of SARS-CoV-2 infecting bats in other countries)
2. From the natural history of the virus, what do we know about the diversity of alpha and beta CoVs in wildlife reservoirs, and in potential intermediate hosts in various countries in Asia.
3. What information can we identify from the receptor binding domain of SARS-related CoVs that might help us predict future potential for emergence of CoVs from other countries

I think a good strategy would be to have the US side give the opening slide deck so that we sort of set the parameters and open up some of the discussion that I’m sure would lead to interesting information. I’d be happy to help on the first 2 points, and I’m sure Ralph could talk to the 3rd point. Linda and Stanley have a great deal of knowledge and could provide supporting comments...

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: Virtual U.S. China dialogue meeting October 13 and 14 - agenda with zoom links

Greetings,

Thank you for participating in the China bio dialogue sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We have scheduled a short hotwash session so the American participants can discuss the virtual dialogue discussions (from this week and earlier this year) and your get your ideas on future topics and other issues.

The session will take place tomorrow from 5:30-6:30 PM, Zoom link is below. Sorry for the short notice, if you can't make it tomorrow feel free to weigh in by email.

Topic: China Bio Post Dialogue Meeting Discussion

Time: Oct 16, 2020 5:30 PM ET / 4:30 PM CT / 2:30 PM PT

Meeting Link: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/92476126782?pwd=a0VUaDIldEVORjlKOC9xaXRuTGpRdz09>

Password: 604638

PS I have asked CAS for the ppts from last night, will send those out as soon as I get them.

Kind regards,

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Greetings,

Thank you for joining the dialogue session last night. I have attached the slides from the three presentations.

FYI CAS has invited two additional CCDC experts to the session tonight.

Dr. Huaqing Wang, PI, Immunization program, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Dr. Zundong Yin, Director of National Immunization Program, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Looking forward seeing and hearing from you all in a few hours.

Session 2: Wednesday October 14, **9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT in U.S.**

Meeting Link: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/98420889232?pwd=NFllKzF1eWgxT0xDZHQzQWxMbnpJPdz09>

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Importance: High

Greetings,

I have attached what should be the final agenda for the U.S. China dialogue meeting sessions on **Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday October 14**. It includes the Chinese participant list at the end. Links to join the Zooms are also below.

Looking forward to seeing/talking to you all on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Kind regards,

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Session 1: Tuesday, October 13, **9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT in U.S.**

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Session 2: Wednesday October 14, **9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT in U.S.**

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Importance: High

Greetings,

We are looking forward to the two virtual bio dialogue sessions set to take place on Tuesday, October 13 (9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT) and Wednesday, October 14 (9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT) next week. Like in previous sessions we expect that the Chinese expert participants will lead the discussion on the majority of the topics and that the format will be more of a discussion among the participants instead of a series of formal presentations. I have attached an agenda that includes the Zoom connection links for both days along with the U.S. participant list. If I get the Chinese participant list before the session I will send that out to you all.

Feel free to respond to this email with any thoughts, points of emphasis or issues that you would like to discuss among the U.S. group before the sessions. Also let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Importance: High

Greetings,

I hope you all had a good summer and are staying safe and healthy. The Chinese Academy of Sciences has agreed to hold another (4th) virtual bio dialogue meeting with NASEM on **1) vaccine development and delivery** and **2) immunity, testing and diagnostics**. The agreed topics for the session are below. **We have reserved Tuesday, October 13 (9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT) and Wednesday, October 14 (9-11 PM ET / 6-8 PM PT)** to discuss the topics on the agenda.

We hope you are able to participate. Please let me know if you are available and if so save the dates and times on your calendar. We will get back to you with more information and a detailed agenda for the sessions soon.

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Vaccine development and delivery

Human

- 1) **Current status of CoVID-19 vaccine development in China and the U.S.**
- 2) **Chinese vaccination of military personnel and other Chinese populations**
- 3) **Vaccination of pediatric populations**
- 4) **Active surveillance strategies for monitoring adverse events observed after vaccination (as well as immunogenicity)**
- 5) **Adapting current vaccine platforms to novel mass vaccination strategies and other mass vaccination strategic issues**
- 6) **Progress on a universal influenza vaccine**
- 7) **Vaccine for enterovirus D68**

Animal

- 1) **Status of coronavirus vaccination for animals - kinds of vaccine, efficacy, complications, etc**
- 2) **ASF in China and ASF vaccine progress**
- 3) **New swine coronavirus**
- 4) **Vaccination strategy for H5N1 avian influenza and domestic poultry**

Immunity, testing and diagnostics

- 1) **Correlates of immunity including the possibility of background immunity from circulating "common cold" coronaviruses**
- 2) **Chinese diagnostic testing strategies for testing large populations quickly**
- 3) **Antibody and antibody testing topics, importance of T-cell responses**
- 4) **Long-term sequelae following COVID-19 infection—lung function, neurologic issues, others**

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Subject: RE: 3rd Virtual U.S. China dialogue meeting on COVID-19 Tuesday, June 9, 9-11PM ET

Importance: High

Greetings,

I have attached the American version of the agenda for the 3rd U.S. China virtual dialogue meeting on immunity and related topics set to take place on **Tuesday night, June 9 from 9:00-11:00 PM ET** (9-11 AM the next morning, Beijing time).

As you can see we have incorporated George Gao's questions into the agenda, we hope that **Harvey Fineberg** can provide information on and lead the discussion of 1) serologic investigation in the U.S. 2) strategy in the U.S. for the second half of this year 3) vaccine availability in the U.S. and that **Ralph Baric** can do the same re progress in the development of vaccine in the U.S. (especially mRNA vaccine).

We have also listed delegation member names after the other Immunity questions. Like previously, folks are listed simply so someone is responsible for getting an answer from the Chinese to each question during the discussion. I will send a version to CAS without those names listed but will let them know who we have asked to answer George's questions.

Please let us know if you have any thoughts or comments on the agenda or this plan. I will send you the Zoom link later tonight or tomorrow morning.

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Importance: High

Greetings,

Good news, just heard back from CAS. They agreed to hold the 3rd dialogue meeting on the proposed immunity topics on **Tuesday, June 9 from 9:00-11:00 PM ET** (9-11 AM the next morning, Beijing time). Please hold that time on your calendar.

CAS let us know that George Gao wants to add the following questions to the discussion:

- Could any US participant introduce the progress in the development of vaccine in the US, especially mRNA vaccine?
- How is the overall situation of serologic investigation in the US?
- What is the COVID-19 prevention and control strategy in the US for the second half of this year? When do you expect COVID-19 vaccine to be available in the US ?

We will send out a new agenda and Zoom link for the meeting later in the week.

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Greetings,

Good news: Last night CAS leadership agreed to hold the 3rd virtual dialogue (Zoom meeting) on the list of Immunity topics we proposed. However they would like to push the dates for the 3rd meeting back to the first or second week of June (so no Zoom meeting on Tuesday night next week). Some of our Chinese counterparts are involved in China's National People's Congress taking place next week.

We are targeting **one night on June 1-4 or on June 8-11** (at 9-11 PM ET for the Americans, the following morning for the Chinese group.)

Please send your availability to participate on those nights (or maybe simply send the nights you can't participate) to Hope Hare [HHare@nas.edu] so we can propose a date or dates to CAS that works best for the American group.

Thanks again for your availability and willingness to participate in this initiative and I hope you have a good long weekend.

Kind regards,

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